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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ,

No settlement in this case against Microsoft can bring back the justice, if the settlement is in any way beneficial to Microsoft. The current proposed settlement by Microsoft is totally ludicrous in that it gives Microsoft even more market share in the educational market which is traditionally dominated by Apple, Inc. The raw cost to Microsoft is very minimal. Each copy of Microsoft OS is probably less than \$1 (each CD cost about 20 cents in a retail store). However, Microsoft is selling them for probably \$100. A billion dollar in software may be just \$10 million dollar raw cost in CDs. And obviously, if they choose to distribute the bulk of the software via internet distribution, the raw cost is close to zero, except the occupied download bandwidth.

Dear Judge, the pervasive existence of Microsoft software has become a danger to the public. No email softwares in the brief computer history have been susceptible to virus attack. But Microsoft came up with their "ingenious" Microsoft Outlook email software which has opened SO MANY holes to virus & worms, such as the famous Melissa virus, etc. The monopoly of Microsoft has paralyzed the software industry and consumer public. Without substantial competing choices, we are left with buggy and unsecure products, and the lack of competition fostered an environment where blatant problems are ignored or accepted. So why is Microsoft not liable for the virus problem, when indeed it is Microsoft Outlook that opens the big door to the virus itself? And it was just simply a total stupidity on Microsoft part that cost the whole United States to spend billions of dollars to fix a Y2K problem. If in 1995, at the time Microsoft publish their Window95 OS, or in earlier 90s, when they publish their MSDOS 6.0, the "ingenious" Microsoft programmers can count their year from 1995 to 2000 or 2001, and then they would have realized that their stored dates in the files are not sufficient. And these MS guys didn't even need to pay for 1 cent for Y2K cost. Instead, they could pitch their new softwares Win98, or Win2000, that those don't have Y2K

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problems. I just don't know what kind of justice is there, if Microsoft is not punished *for their mistakes and business practices which* have suffocated software innovations.

Sincerely,

Sean

P.S. I'm a software programmer for 20 years, and a hardware chip designer for 5 year.

I am sorry to say that software programmers at Microsoft have one of the lower IQs on this planet. They just cannot count from 1995 to 2000, nor they don't know that attached files in the email can be malicious, nor do they know anything about 30 years of speech recognition research at IBM, and ends up buying a speech recognition company, and was unable to develop their own.

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